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DATE: 29 March 1950

TO : Chief, Communications
Thru: Chief, FDM

FROM :

SUBJECT: General — Operational
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1. The following is a General Progress Report on the
Project to date:

BUILDING

Actual building operations were begun 3 March 1950 by the Contracting Firm, a organization headed by a very competent civil/electrical engineer. Though the contractor, on his own initiative, began clearing operations at the site approximately 6 February 1950, administrative difficulties regarding transferral of funds from to the Engineers delayed the official starting date until 3 March 1950. Eighty days are allowed for completing the work.

The accompanying photographs show various phases of the construction details plus a general view of the area involved. At present the basement foundation and walls plus the footings for the walls of the building proper have been poured. Bricking operations on the walls have been started and it is expected that by the end of this week, (31 March) this work will have been completed. The foundation for the two diesels have been poured. A change in the relative locations of the well and cess-pool has been made, due to the discovery that the flow of surface water is from east to west. The cess-pool has been moved to the west end of the building instead of the east, as shown on Plot #102, to avoid possibility of contamination of the well system. The diesel fuel storage tanks have been delivered to the site and are to be coated with pitch and buried in the near future. Our observations during excavation have convinced us that no trouble will be encountered from moisture due to the sandy nature of the soil.

ROADS

Negotiations are in progress to have the road authorities prove the as shown on Plot #101 in addition to repairs of

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approaches to the autobahn at the [] road. This route, though slightly longer than a direct cut-off from [] appears to be the least expensive since a direct approach would involve new cuts to [] at a point where the bisecting road is elevated considerably above []

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POWER LINE

Specifications and drawings for construction of a 20 Kv power line from the [] to the site have been prepared by our contractor and presented to [] Engineers in order that they might submit requests for bids to several contractors. Negotiations for easement rights have taken considerable time due to the more recent policy of the occupation authorities of seeking concurrence of the [] officials involved in this sort of project. This has resulted in numerous delays and frustrations but these have been overcome and it now remains only for the [] Engineers to approve the specifications and obtain the bids, before actual construction on the line is begun.

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KEYING LINES

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[] It is planned to bury sufficient cable for approximately 40 pair. Separate telephone lines above ground are planned. the AN/TRC-3 presently in stock is being assembled and tested for use as an emergency link between stations.

FURNISHINGS

It is planned to install sufficient kitchen equipment to allow light housekeeping facilities for the station billeted personnel. It is planned to furnish the [] quarters in a similar manner to those at []

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GUARDS AND [] PERSONNEL

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A request for additional [] personnel (laborers and a cleaning woman) has been made. The guard situation has yet to be decided as to whether U.S. [] civilian guards will be supplied.

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